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FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OBTAINED FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY OF EXPLANATORY
MOMORANDUM AND DRAFT RESOLUTION ON SPNFZ SUBMITTED TO UN BY
GOVERNMENTS OF NEW ZEALAND AND FIJI:

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

"FIJI AND NEW ZEALAND, ALONG WITH OTHER COUNTRIES
OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC, HAVE CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED PROPOSALS
DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT ON A COMPREHENSIVE BAN ON THE
TESTING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, TO PREVENT THE PROLIFERATION OF
SUCH WEAPONS, TO ENSURE THAT ANY PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS
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WERE CONDUCTED UNDER INTERNATIONAL CONTROL AND GENERALLY,

TO PUT AN END TO THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE.

"PROGRESS IN GIVING EFFECT TO THESE PROPOSALS ON A GLOBAL SCALE HAS, HOWEVER, BEEN MEAGER AND DISAPPOINTING. IN CONSEQUENCE, THESE COUNTRIES HAVE COME TO ATTACH INCREASED IMPORTANCE TO A REGIONAL APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM OF REDUCING THE DANGERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TESTING, PRODUCTION AND DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THEY ARE APPRECIATIVE OF THE FACT THAT, UNDER THE TERMS OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY, ANTARCTICA MAY BE USED FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES ONLY AND THAT ALL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS ARE PROHIBITED THERE. THEY HAVE NOTED THE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS MADE, THROUGH THE TREATY OF TLATETOLCO, TOWARDS THE DENUCLEARISATION OF LATIN AMERICA; AND THEY HAVE NOTED ALSO THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSALS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES IN OTHER REGIONS OF THE WORLD. IN ADDITION THEY HAVE WELCOMED THE EMPHASIS PLACED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN HIS ANNUAL REPORT OF 12 AUGUST 1975 ON THE INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES AS A MEANS OF ENHANCING REGIONAL SECURITY.

"FIJI, NEW ZEALAND AND OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC BELIEVE THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE SECURITY AND WELFARE OF THE PEOPLES LIVING IN THAT AREA AND MINIMISE THE RISKS TO HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT IN THE REGION. THEY ARE CONFIRMED IN THE OPINION BY THE DECLARATION ADOPTED BY THE REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES ON THE INITIATIVE AND WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE DIRECTLY CONCERNED STATES OF THE ZONE, REPRESENTS AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF CURBING THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND COULD CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE SECURITY OF THOSE STATES.

"THE DECLARATION OF THE REVIEW CONFERENCE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COOPERATION OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES FOR THE MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS OF ANY TREATY ARRANGEMENTS FOR ESTABLISHING A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE. IN THIS CONNECTION, FIJI, NEW ZEALAND AND OTHER COUNTRIES

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OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC HAVE TAKEN APPRECIATIVE NOTE OF STATEMENTS BY NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CONCEPT OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES.

"IT HAS THEREFORE SEEMED TIMELY TO THESE COUNTRIES TO SEEK THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIS YE

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